

# Good Hope / Meadowbrook MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

March 1, 2018 at 6:00pm, Thursday  
MOSES-SCHAFFER COMMUNITY CENTER  
21565 Steele Peak Drive, Perris, Ca 92570

**0.0 CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 6:05pm by Vice Chair, Faviola Benavente Renewal of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1.0 Roll Call:** Faviola Benavente (Vice Chair), Willie Moses, Diana Martin, Alternate(s) – Victoria Bella, Vacant. Maha Harb (Secretary) and Giovanni Aguilar (Chair). – Absent.

**2.0 Approval of Minutes:** Diana Martin moved, Willie Moses seconded; Vote unanimous to approve.

## **3.0 Public Safety Updates**

**3.1 Riverside County Sheriff's Department - Capt. Dan Anne/Lt. Kevin Smith–**  
Good evening, for those of you who don't know me I'm Dan Anne the Captain at the station. You guys usually get Lieutenant Kevin Smith. It's my pleasure to be with you guys tonight. For the update we have some of the crime stats for January, we're trending pretty even but the biggest difference is we did have some increases in vehicle thefts. Vandalism and disturbing the peace down from December and January. Nothing out of the ordinary that's alarming to us, one of the things that reminds me about the thefts and the vehicles, what we're getting in the other areas that I over see is we have to remember to be hard targets, we have got to remember to lock our cars and not to leave valuables in our cars. Some of these basic things that attract and that thieves are looking for are an easy target. We're finding that the more education we do, it helps for people to stop and think about that stuff and not leave something out in plain sight. Over all we haven't had any major or significant issues in this area. We're still targeting the Steele Peak area for the shooting and off roading. We had significant improvements in the last several months working with the community and BLM/Code our County partners. If you have any questions for me I'm here to take any questions, I can take something back to my staff if it's something I haven't heard about.

## Comments

Willie Moses – Mentioned noise and music complaint, music is heard from across the field and there was a break in on Christmas.

Diana Martin – We had a break in also about 3 weeks ago. We had a party going on, you get use to the music after 30 years, you shouldn't but you do. I just want to make

sure they don't run over our fence. They came into our yard that night, my grandson caught them at 3:30am because they came near his car. We went out and it was a woman with a younger Hispanic teenager and they said they needed help. We asked them why they were in our backyard, you already went past the front door, you could've knocked. Our gate is now locked.

Remember when you get people knocking on your door they're usually checking to see if you're home. They're probably casing your property, they also may be legitimate but if it seems kind of weird and they don't have a reason to be looking at your back yard or ringing your doorbell give us a call. We have a unit available, we may not get there in time but if you need to call us and let us know, it could possibly help us in the future.

Faviola Benavente – We have the shop on Theda and Highway, we've had vandalism on the U-Haul equipment, people are coming in at night and stealing fuel, catalytic converters and recently breaking the ignition and taking off with the trucks. Please be alert, if you see anything contact the police and let them know.

**3.2 Riverside County Fire Department - Fire Station #9** – Hi, how's everyone doing? I'm Bryan Martin, I'm the new Station Captain here at Station 9, I was assigned here starting 3 weeks ago. I'll be here for at least the next two years. It'll be my first Captain job, I've been in downtown Perris for the last 4 years working at Station 101 over by the Sheriff's Station. I'm excited, it's a new challenge for me and I'm happy to be here. I've got some stats for you guys and then I'm going to pass on some information to you all. We had a change with our burn policy and I'll talk to you guys about the burn bags across the street. We do have a storm coming this week and hopefully we'll get more rain here in the next couple months. Flooding is always an issue I know so I have some information on that for you. For the month of January we had a total of 57 calls out of this station for this area. 2 were false alarms, 43 medical aides, we had 2 no structure fires, and we did have 1 structure fire over here on Sharp. We had someone lose their mobile home that was actually my second day on duty out here. It was unfortunate but it didn't spread into the vegetation and we were able to confine it to the property. We had 1 public service assist, which could be a bunch of different things. 5 traffic collisions and 1 vehicle fire, this was all for January. I'm sure you guys know if you've been here before and that Steve hopefully talked to you about us assisting other areas. There are times when we're running calls in Perris or Moreno Valley and then they'll bring another engine to back fill behind us. These are just the calls in this community. February was a little slower, I believe we average closer to 100 calls a month. For February we're at 47, which is good if we aren't running calls then people aren't having problems hopefully and that's a good thing. 6 false alarms, 35 medical aides, 1 structure fire, 1 stand by call and 4 traffic collisions. That was it for the calls, as on Monday the Fire Chief lifted the suspension for burning, so we are going to allow the burning of tumbleweeds again as we do every year. It'll be the same process you'll have get a permit through AQMD as well as through us at the fire station. I'll go next door and make copies of this release and leave it in the back. If you are interested in doing that you need to call AQMD, they'll

come out and inspect, they'll give you a permit number that's good for 30 days and then you call us we'll come out and inspect. We'll provide you with a permit as well and then the day of that you're going to burn, you just have to call us and confirm if it's a burn day or not today. There's very strict guidelines if ever any of you have done it before. It's probably going to be a limited time frame this year if we don't get much rain in the next month or so, I imagine they'll shut it down in April. We'll be looking at fire danger season after that. Sand bags the sand is directly across the street, we'll replenish it as necessary and we give our free sand bags at the fire station. We give out 25 initially for residents, we just need your address but we will give you more than that if needed. I've given out over 100 to people, if you need them, you need them. You can come by and get those anytime, just come to the fire station and we'll take care of you. That is all I have unless you guys have any questions. Thank you.

**3.3 Code Enforcement & TLMA – Michelle Cervantes** – Hello, I will bring you updates tonight on both Code Enforcement and Transportation. So if you have questions for either of those, I could answer those for you. For Code Enforcement we had a request to update on a few issues we are having out here right now. Mobile home on the corner of Ellis and Marshall that was brought up as a question, they have already posted that mobile home as substandard at the end of February. Usually we give anywhere between 10, 20 or 30 days it just depends on which process they're going through, so the code enforcement officer is working on that for you. We have the marijuana grow in front of the community center, she says that it has been removed as of 2/21/18, so if you do see anything out there please give us a call. We do have instances where it disappears and then it comes back so just let us know. She says there's an additional grow on another property and it sits in the back of two properties. So she's doing the research on that to make contact with the property owner to find out which property it's actually growing on. If there are any other grows or marijuana issues you see out there in the unincorporated areas give us a call, it is not legal in unincorporated areas of Riverside. I can't tell you about the cities, they have their own set of rules and regulations but to have a grow or a dispensary in the county is not legal. I have some flyers in the back for marijuana personal and medical use it'll kind of give you an idea for that. I also have pens and pencils with our phone number, we now have a direct number and its 909-955-2004. You can call that number for anything code enforcement and they'll get you to the right office. We also had a question on the dispensary on Highway 74 cross street of Theda, so County council went to court today and the courts granting a hearing date for contempt charges for April. So we'll have more information on that in April. A lot of the cases we can't discuss if they're open cases, we want to be able to give you milestones as to where we are so that you know we're working on them. Again if you see something out there give us a call and we'll get you to the right person. So that's my presentation for Code if anybody has any questions.

Jackie McDonald – My name is Jackie McDonald and somebody is making a dump in the back behind our property, if you talk to Tom he knows exactly where that back

road is, there's a lot of dumping. There's a sofa on Spring Street and Theda Street, way at the end before the highway that somebody dumped.

On the road or is it on a property?

Jackie McDonald – On the road, it's not anybody's property, its County property. There's some computer equipment that was dumped on the road almost directly across the street from my house 21401 Sharp and it's just trash, everywhere, dumped trash and it looks awful. For a while it had gotten better, it did but now it's like somebody's not paying their trash usage and I hope they get their property taken away.

I'll take these down and it will either be Code Enforcement or Transportation based on where that's at but I'm also here for transportation too so I'll take that to our traffic and we'll have somebody take a look at that for you.

For Transportation and I have a picture I could pass around if you guys would like to take a look at it. We are looking at the new water crossing paving on Margarth, so we just wanted to give an update on that. Kelly says we have completed the insulation of the culvert at the water crossing and then on Monday they are going to put dirt backfill, they're going to place that over the culverts and their going to finish paving the new road way. So paving will be conducted probably next Wednesday and the curb installed on Thursday, hoping if everything goes smoothly we'll have everything done by that Thursday. For Transportation you could go online to [rcprojects.org](http://rcprojects.org) and that will give you all of our current projects that we're working on throughout the entire county. You can just click on new projects and it'll give you a list of everything we're working on, projects that we're working on with the new SB1 gas tax as well. If you get stuck call me at this number and I'll walk you through our website, so are there any questions for Transportation. Thank you everybody.

## **4.0 New Business**

**4.1 Community Center Updates – Stephanie Morales, The Grove** – Good evening all, my name is Stephanie Morales and I'm the community center director for this center. I want to talk about some of the highlights that happened in the month of February. As most of you know we had a Valentine's party on actual Valentine's Day, we had a lot of seniors come out for this and it was such a successful event. We had very good attendance for this event, we provided refreshments, food, we had raffles, we had delicious desserts and the list goes on. We had great entertainment, we did some dancing which was so much fun. All and all it was a great event. A special thank you goes out to Dr. Rios for sponsoring our event, Dr. Rios and his staff were very happy to sponsor our event and provide the cost of the food. For this month I have some exciting news to share with you guys, we are bringing 2 classes to the community center, 1 class is going to be a craft class for the seniors, and we're targeting the seniors. We're going to be offering a craft class monthly and I have details to come, that day is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 11-12pm so come on by if you plan on taking part on this craft class. You're welcomed to stick

around for lunch. We do have a senior lunch program here from 12 to 1pm, if you have not yet signed up for the program I highly encourage that you get signed up. I have applications if you guys would like an application, see me after the meeting and I'll provide you with one. Also the second item that the center will be implementing is a senior jewelry class, we're going to call it our Senior Jewelry Club and that's going to meet also once a month, it will be free of charge. I have not set a date aside but we will be announcing it next week, so stay tuned for that date. I have to speak to the instructor and see which date works best for her, we have an idea and it probably going to be on a Monday. So if you want to join us, have some fun, have coffee while we make jewelry come on by. Again it's going to be right after lunch, so come early grab some lunch and stay for the class. Friday March 16<sup>th</sup> we're going to have a senior excursion to Old Town Temecula, we are to meet at 9am here, departure will be 9:30am. If you want to RSVP please see me after the meeting and we'll get you signed up for the excursion. Please let me know as soon as you know that you're going that way we could get an accurate head count. These are not the only events that are happening for this month, there are also other events that are happening in the month. I have a monthly calendar in the back if you guys want to take one home, it lists all the activities and programs that the center has to offer. We have two food distribution programs, one is for the general public and that is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month, anyone age 18 and over is welcomed to come and participate in that program. The second food distribution program is held on the last Tuesday of the month, we use to have it on the last Monday but now it got switched to the last Tuesday. So the last Tuesday of the month we also have a food distribution and that's specifically for senior 60 and over. We have applications on hand if you guys are interested in that food program, if not you maybe your neighbor or someone you may know. Help us spread the word, there's wonderful resources here at our community center, so if you guys know of anyone who is in need, a little help won't hurt. Refer them to us and we'll take care of them. Please take a calendar so you can stay tuned with all the stuff that's going on, help us spread the word. That's it for tonight does anyone have any questions?

-As always thank you for all your hard work.

Stephanie Morales - Thank you, it's my pleasure.

**4.2 EMWD- Amanda Fine** – Good evening, I have just a few slides for you guys I want to talk about. My name is Amanda Fine, I'm a Public Affairs Officer with the Water District, we have a project that's coming up. It's a smaller project but it will still have an impact on the community, so we wanted to give you guys a heads up about what's going on and answer any questions that you may have. Eastern Municipal Water District is one of the larger water agencies in the State of California, we were founded in 1950. We do water, waste water, recycled water, we wholesale water which means we sell water to other districts. We also sell water to residents and other commercial businesses. We have a 5 District elected board the board member that serves your area is Don Sullivan, we wasn't able to be here tonight he's actually in Washington DC. Our annual operating budget is about 259 million dollars a year,

we have a 5 year capital improvement program that is just shy of 400 million and that's actually where this program falls under. It's capital improvement because we're actually improving the infrastructure in this area. So here is our service area we serve 7 cities and several unincorporated areas, so everywhere from Moreno Valley all the way down to Temecula. So the project is actually the Post Road Booster Pump Station and Water Transmission Line, that's a long title for a project but we're really wordy in water. The whole point of the project is to install a booster station and what a booster station does it increases pressure from the transmission line or the storage tanks in your area. So it boosts the pressure of water. So we're installing that right there at Santa Rosa Mine and Post Road, we're going to run a new 8 inch water line. Down Post Road and Ellis and then we'll be connecting residents to that new line. As part of that connection we are installing pressure regulator valves or PRV's and what that does is control the pressure in your home. Well go in and install those right behind your meter and set to the current pressure that your home is currently receiving and it's up to you the resident or home owner to adjust that to whatever pressure you would like it. We suggest you contact a license plumber to do that but you're able to set that PRV. This will be affecting about 169 residents that live in the Santa Rosa Mine, Post Road area. A letter went out this week, detailing what this project is along with the high pressure agreement. What the high pressure agreement is, it's something that needs to be signed and notarized and returned back, it states that you allow us to install the PRV at your property line. We are hosting a workshop on March 15<sup>th</sup> right here, that's in the letter, you'll receive that letter if you are directly impacted by this project. We'll discuss this in a little more detail and we'll also have notaries available. We'll be out here in the community, you could bring your agreements and any questions.

-Do you know what the delivery pressure is going to be prior to the regulator?

Amanda Fine – Prior to installation is whatever pressure you're getting now, every home is different. At the meter it will be 80 psi and then we'll set it to what you're at now.

This is an example of how a Booster Station looks like they actually come prefabricated, which is why we do it last because it takes some time to get all the parts in and then build it up like that. There will be some traffic impacts, please bear with us. There will be traffic control out there, it will only be during the day. Do you have any questions about this?

Is there a cost to the consumer?

Amanda Fine – No, if you ever look at your bill from EMWD, you'll see CIP that's what this goes towards, making sure infrastructure is acting as it should. Rates did change as of January 1st due to the cost of water and go up incrementally for the next 2 years. However this cost is not associate with a cost increase, its associates with the cost of service. The rate change was approved on November 15<sup>th</sup> of 2017, we sent out the Prop. 218 to notify with I believe a 2 rate schedule, so you'll see the price change

again in January 2019. This is all online you could go to emwd.org. Any questions related to Post Road I'm happy to talk about, I'm happy to talk about other things after the meeting in the interest of saving time. Any questions specifically on the Booster Station? No, okay, thank you.

## **5.0 Public Comments:**

## **6.0 Legislative Reports:**

**6.1 Field Representative for Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez- Sabrina** – Good evening everyone, I'm from Assemblywoman Melendez's office and I just want to go over some things. I've left some legislative updates in the back, definitely grab one. Our legislative Whistle Blower Act AB403 it did pass both houses and was signed by the governor, so now legislative employees are now are protected under whistle blower protection. So I can whistle blow and not be fired for it. Another thing I wanted to bring to your attention, 2 Bills AB1884 this one bans plastic straws at restaurants, I don't know if anybody has heard of this one. I've seen it on Facebook a little bit. I know everybody is kind of freaking out about it but it makes it illegal for a waiter or waitress to give you a straw without you asking for it. Originally the Bill had imposed a fine upon that waiter or waitress anywhere from \$25 to \$1000 or punishable by jail time for up to 6 months. Obviously there are other ways to prevent trash from accumulating and affecting the ocean, I definitely don't think banning straws is the way to do it because of the fact that there is no way to enforce it. What are we going to have somebody as a secret shopper type deal that goes and sits at a restaurant waiting for a waiter to give them a straw without asking? So really it's just not a feasible Bill, it's honestly just wasting taxpayer dollars. And then there is SB10 this eliminates bail. It would eliminate the bail system and establish a risk assessment system to determine if someone could be released pre-trial. Obviously the state has release some people that they really should have released with AB109, so this is not a good Bill either. Definitely be on the lookout for it, it passed the Public Safety Committee and it will be heard in Assembly Appropriations. As soon as I have any updates I will give them to you. I personally have not read through what the risk assessment is but California has a different view of what nonviolent offenders are to what violent offenders actually are so that's one to look out for. Does anybody have any questions for me?

## **7.0 Good Hope/Meadowbrook MAC Board Member Comments** –

Faviola Benavente – Thank you all for showing up today. Please remember to keep an eye out for your property, as well as your neighbors and call the police if you see anything suspicious. Thank you.

Willie Moses -Glad to see you all here, come back and bring somebody to these community meetings.

Victoria Bella – I would like to thank Thomas, Mr. Ketcham I recently sent him some photos of tamale selling in the early morning and it just bothers the heck out of me because here I see people or clubs fundraising and they're not allowed to do that at all. You see them there and he took care of that. There was also trash on our road, I don't know how it happened it just caught on fire, then the scavengers came and took all the metal and that took care of that. I would like to thank everybody for cleaning our road, I don't know who did it. Thank you all very much for being here with us.

Diana Martin - I don't have any comments on Transportation, we are working on buses and dial rides for this area and it looks like a lot of people are interested in improving our transportation issues here on the South side. So I'm just hanging in there, going to meetings, if I get anything positive or really hot, I'll let you know but that's about it for Transportation right now. I'm anxious about the park to get finished, other than that everything is about the same. I really want to thank everybody that keeps coming, you guys keep me coming because some weeks you feel like, why am I sitting there, why am I going? But it's a collection of all of us that keep showing up that makes it worth the while. That's it for me.

## **8.0 Report from Supervisor Kevin Jefferies' Office**

### **8.1 Thomas C. Ketcham, Legislative Analyst to Supervisor Kevin Jefferies –**

Thank you everybody for showing up tonight, I'll go through a couple items. So the illegal dumping let me know when you guys see that, email me a picture my card is in the back, just send it out to me and I'll get a crew there. As long as it's in the right of way we could pick it up. If it's on private property I have to send Code Enforcement out there but get it over to me. The Margarth Bridge, Michelle she left already I was out there today taking a look at it, it's right at the corner of Marie and Margarth. If you guys remember when we had that big flood in 2015 where it swept everything out, so we took a look at it and we decided we have to do something here. There's 2 crossings, there's one at Marie and Margarth, then there's one further south off Poppy Hill. We can't do anything on the Poppy Hill one because that's a private crossing but the Marie and Margarth we were able to find the funds to get that taken care of, I'll be posting the pictures in our newsletter so you guys could see that. It's going to be a nice safe water crossing for everybody to get across there and it's going to be paved. Speaking of paving we're looking at Post Road, we're looking at continuing Post Road that's CBVG Funding, so hopefully we'll get some CBVG Funding for that. We're looking at Spring between Mountain and Steele Peak that little section right here, we're looking at that. Patterson over in Meadowbrook, we're looking at doing a small segment of Patterson and we're looking at doing a small street over here on Highway 74 called My Way. Those are what we have on the agenda for this year, hopefully we get that completed. The illegal food vending that you brought up, it's pretty bad. As you know our Code Enforcement Department has been decimated. Environmental Health they have people but they don't work on weekends so it's really difficult. I was out here on the weekend and I saw 3 or 4 locations where they're selling fruit and you name it, what not. So we're kind of taking the approach, we know we can't go after the people. A. we don't have the resources and B. if we

come up to somebody usually they give us a fake name or they just walk away and they leave everything there. So what we've done is we're now going after the property owners. So when we see something, the citation is issued to the property owner that lets them know you have this activity going on your property. Marshall and Ellis is notorious for taco sales, so we've notified the owner to keep these people off your property. It's important because if someone was to get hurt on that property that owner is liable for that. It's important for them to know this activity is going on, on their property. If they don't want to do anything well there's not much we could do there. It's worked over there off of Cowie and San Jacinto, we had a couple taco vendors there. We got ahold of the property owner, he fenced it off and they don't come there anymore. So we're trying, we're not saying that its working but we're trying. If you know a location that is being used for food sales, let me know and I'll come out on the weekend or at night and take pictures. Identify the property and get it over to Code, unfortunately they don't work on the weekends. If you guys see it, take a picture and send it to us. Just want to let everybody know EMWD is a private, they are not affiliated with the County or anything, she put up the board of directors. You do elect your directors so if you have a concern about EMWD, I get it all the time and then I forward it to her. If you guys have concerns you're welcomed to talk to Ron, his email address is on the website or you could get ahold of Amanda and she could relay your concerns. I have no say over them, I could ask them to help us out with certain situations but as the county we have no say. They're dually elected, you guys elect Ron, so if you guys have concerns the same way you guys come to me for a county issue, if you have a water issue you go to Amanda or directly to Ron. They do have their Board Meeting right over here off of Trumble Road, their open to the public so you're able to go there. Does anybody have any questions on anything, no questions, easy crowd tonight, thank you.

## **9.0 Future Agenda Items**

Date of proposed next meeting, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 6pm @ Moses-Schaffer Community Center

Adjournment: Faviola Benavente moved, Diana Martin seconded, vote unanimous

Meeting adjourned: 7:03pm

Attendance:

